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First Named Inventor	KATO, et al.
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Utility Patent



Design Patent



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### APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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(37 C.F.R. § 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
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- ☒ Statement of status/support for all changes to  
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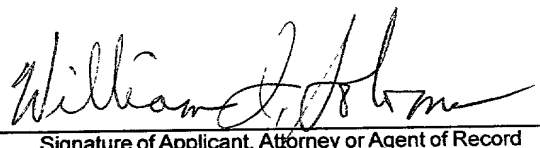
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**OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby offer to surrender the original Letters Patent of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,280. The Official Letters Patent will be returned in due course, prior to passing the Reissue application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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